



NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
**CULTURAL
RESOURCES**
WWW.NCCULTURE.COM

News Highlights, September 14-20

Beach Carolina Magazine

Six to Receive the North Carolina Award – State’s Highest Honor

The state’s highest civilian honor, the North Carolina Award, will be presented to six distinguished North Carolinians on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the N.C. Museum of History. The ceremony will take place at 8 p.m., preceded by a reception for the recipients at 6:30 p.m. The 2012 honorees include Dr. B. Jayant Baliga, of Raleigh, for Science; Gary Neil Carden, of Sylva, for Literature; Lou Donaldson, of Bronx, N.Y. and Thomas H. Sayre, of Raleigh, both for Fine Arts; Janice H. Faulkner, of Greenville, and Ambassador Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, of Greensboro, both for Public Service. The awards are administered by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Read more [here](#). Feature about Gary Carden [here](#).

Asheville Citizen-Times

Militia weekend at Vance

It could be called “Life: Unplugged.” But the official title is the Fall Citizens Militia Encampment, happening this weekend at the Vance Birthplace State Historic Site in the Reems Creek community. There you’ll find re-enactors from the Catawba Militia living exactly as their forebears did in the early 19th century: cooking over campfires, making candles, weaving cloth and working with handmade tools outside their modest tents and lean-tos. And there won’t be a video game or iPad anywhere in sight. Read more [here](#).

Under The Dome

Carlisle in DC Thursday to explain how libraries help unemployed

Linda Carlisle, the secretary of cultural resources was in DC Thursday, speaking at a Congressional briefing for the Institute of Museum and Library Services concerning how libraries support the work force. Among other things, Carlisle said that people looking for work often use libraries to search for jobs online and to fill out resumes. Read more [here](#).

U.S. Army Homepage

82nd Airborne Division welcomes its newest citizens

Nearly 100 people from all over the world walked together onto the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial to participate in a ceremony to become citizens of the United States of America. It was fitting for the national holiday, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. More than half of the candidates to swear allegiance to America for the first time were in military uniform. Read more [here](#). See video from WWAY-TV [here](#).

Charlotte Observer

Marker tells of area's historic significance

Most of the drivers cruising south on Providence Road are moving too quickly to pay much attention to the historical marker at the Union County line. They may catch a few words: Encampment. Cornwallis. Continental Army. The marker was placed there in 2010. But even if they stopped to read all the words, they may not realize the marker's significance. ... The N.C. Department of Cultural Resources website ncmarkers.com says the number of soldiers camping there between October and December 1780 ranged from 1,300 to 2,600. Read more [here](#).

Asheville Citizen-Times

Foundation awards \$75K to HandMade in America

A \$75,000 Preserving Natural and Cultural Resources Focus Area Grant to HandMade in America will expand technical assistance and community development efforts as part of its economic development program for rural communities. Using HandMade's cultural asset-based economic development model, the expansion aims to transform communities in the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina's 18-county service area. A focus on leadership development and planning will help small communities access opportunities for funding from sources such as the National Endowment for the Arts, the NC Arts Council and the NC Rural Center, among others. Read more [here](#).

Pittsburgh Post Gazette

Pittsburgh native Joseph Bathanti named poet laureate of North Carolina

North Carolina has named a Pittsburgh native as the state's next poet laureate. Joseph Bathanti, 59, grew up in East Liberty and graduated from Central Catholic High School and the University of Pittsburgh. ... Mr. Bathanti is a professor of creative writing at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., and the author of several books of poetry, two novels -- "East Liberty" and "Coventry" -- and one book of short stories. "Joseph's work is accessible because he writes about topics that touch all of us: family, home and personal experiences," said Wayne Martin, executive director of the North Carolina Arts Council. Read more [here](#).

New Bern Sun Journal

From symphony to band battle

There is a lot of music in the air this week, spanning a performance by the North Carolina Symphony to the "New Bern Battle of the Bands." The bands will gather at the Twin River YMCA sports fields from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA said the event will bring teens from across Craven County together to connect with their peers and to celebrate the county's 300th anniversary. Read more [here](#).